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Dear Mrs Kemp,

I am writing in response to your letter of the 25th August. I have to say I cannot understand why anyone would even consider building an asphalt plant on an island that relies on tourism. You have not said whether it is a quarry at the moment as the plant near my property is both.

At Bittering the plans were for a mobile asphalt plant which was supposed to be temporary which has left the consent open ended. Even if the planning consent gives an end date, this does not mean a thing as it is got around by amendments and variations to existing planning consent.

The smell from the plant was very noticeable. The noise from loading the hoppers is very loud if stone is involved. The roar from the chimney was very loud especially in the early hours even with all windows closed and double glazing. After years of complaining Tarmac were made to fit a silencer on the chimney.

The heavy lorries on small country lanes was a problem which resulted on road widening in order for two lorries to pass.

Screening reduced some noise but was not effective one hundred percent, trees were then planted around the bunding but bear in mind the time these trees take to grow.

The chimney on the asphalt plant is still clearly visible and looks totally out of place in the countryside.

Although conditions were imposed on planning these were very often ignored, for example when mixing in the drum if the mix contained large stone the noise was intrusive, as was the reversing beepers on vehicles.

Also in early mornings and winter evenings the flood lights used on site were intrusive.

I have been told by an estate agent that having Tarmac nearby reduced the value of the property by 15%, and when the holiday property went on the market I had three viewings on the same morning and the noise from the quarry was so loud we had to shout over it. Although they all loved the property this was the reason they gave for not buying the it. In fact it took two years to sell and did put off a number of people.

We had the environment agency out to take readings of the noise levels over a long period before Norfolk County Council finally made Tarmac take steps to reduce the noise levels. This took years not months.

You will find that they are asking to work seven days a week 24 hours a day, they will then offer to reduce this to five days and Saturday mornings and you are then supposed to be grateful.

I understand that with holiday lets you now have to disclose information such as the asphalt plant to prospective clients.

If this goes ahead you will find that you will have to constantly write letters to appose planning consents, variations to the planning consents, noise complaints none compliance of planning conditions.

My advice is to prevent this plant from ever opening because once it is there the end date never comes. Everyone on the Isle of Wight needs to object to this planning application.

Yours Faithfully

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